

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

THE ATWOOD BUILDING
550 WEST 7th AVENUE, SUITE 1550
ANCHORAGE, AK
BOARD OF NURSING

TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2022

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the professions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a meeting of the Board of Nursing was held by teleconference in the Atwood Building, Suite 1550 Conference Room, in Anchorage, Alaska.

April 19, 2022
CALL TO ORDER

Chair Danette Schloeder, called the meeting to order at

ROLL CALL

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

- Chair RN Member: Danette Schloeder, RN Anchorage
- APRN Member: Wendy Monrad, CRNA Anchorage
- LPN Member, Jody Miller, RN Haines
- RN Member, Lena M. Lafferty, RN Anchorage

Staff present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

- Tessa Walker Linderman, Executive Administrator
- Lisa Maroney, Licensing Supervisor
- Jun Maiquis, Regulation Specialist
- Harriet Dinegar, Dept of Law

Members of the Public in attendance telephonically:

Crystal Essex
LeMay Hupp
Wendy Schragg
Lynn Van Vactor
Colleen Bridge

On a motion made by Danette Schloeder seconded by Lena M. Lafferty and carried with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing finds that an emergency exists under AS 44.62.250 and that an emergency regulation change is necessary to 12 AAC 44.305 and 12 AAC 44.320, regarding license by endorsement and temporary permits, for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare. The facts constituting the emergency include the following:

As a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Nursing is experiencing a severe staffing shortage that has created untenable delays in nursing licensure. Remaining staff are working overtime in the evenings and through the weekends, however, licensing at best is taking seven weeks, but more often several months. This is causing hospitals and other healthcare facilities to be short staffed and in dire need of nurses who are ready to work, but in the queue to be licensed. These regulation changes will allow a significant number of nurses to be issued a temporary license upon initial review of their application and provides a six-month window to continue working with the Board of Nursing to submit remaining documentation for permanent licensure.

On a motion made by Wendy Monrad and seconded by Lena M. Lafferty and carried with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing enacts emergency regulation changes to 12 AAC 44.305, regarding License by Endorsement to streamline licensing requirements.

Roll Call

Danette Schloeder – aye
Wendy Monrad – aye
Jody Miller – aye
Lena M. Lafferty – aye
Julie Tisdale - absent

On a motion made by Danette Schloeder and seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing will open a regulations project for 12 AAC 44.305, regarding License by Endorsement to streamline licensing requirements to be made permanent.

Roll Call

Danette Schloeder – aye

Wendy Monrad – aye
Jody Miller – aye
Lena M. Lafferty – aye
Julie Tisdale - absent

On a motion made by Wendy Monrad and seconded by Jody Miller and carried with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing enacts emergency regulation changes to 12 AAC 44.320, regarding Temporary Permits to streamline licensing requirements.

Roll Call

Danette Schloeder – aye
Wendy Monrad – aye
Jody Miller – aye
Lena M. Lafferty – aye
Julie Tisdale - absent

On a motion made by _Wendy Monrad seconded by Lena M. Lafferty and carried with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing will open a regulation project to 12 AAC 44.320 regarding Temporary Permits to streamline licensing requirements.

Roll Call

Danette Schloeder – aye
Wendy Monrad – aye
Jody Miller – aye
Lena M. Lafferty – aye
Julie Tisdale - absent

On a motion made by Wendy Monrad and seconded by Jody Miller and carried with 4 ayes the Board of Nursing adjourned at 3:28pm.

Roll Call

Danette Schloeder – aye
Wendy Monrad – aye
Jody Miller – aye
Lena M. Lafferty – aye
Julie Tisdale - absent

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Administrator, Alaska Board of Nursing

Approved:

Date: _____

Board Chair, Alaska Board of Nursing